

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

PLANT METHOD FOR FORMING LARGE-DIMENSION CERAMIC TILES, AND
METHOD

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

This invention relates to a plant method for forming tiles of ceramic material, and in 5 particular tiles having dimensions exceeding 50 x 50 cm.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

All the known ~~for~~ methods, which involve a material precompacting stage, solve the problem of deaerating the powder mass, however the percentage reduction in the thickness of the powder mass during material precompacting is insufficient to ensure surface stability of the precompacted blank.

Please insert the following title above the first full paragraph on page 2:

SUMMARY

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 3 with the following amended paragraph:

The invention attains said ~~objets~~ objects by virtue of the characteristics stated in the claims.

Please insert the following title between the fifth and the sixth paragraphs on page 2:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Please insert the following title above the first full paragraph on page 3:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 3 with the following amended paragraph:

It is stated precisely that in the following description the wording "powder" comprises:

- dry powders (having a moisture degree less than 2%), for instance re-granulated and/or atomized glazes, or finely minced ceramic frits,
- semi-dry powders (having a moisture degree between 2% and 6%), for example atomized or milled or micronized (finely grinded) ceramic mixes,
- agglomerated materials, as flakes of ceramic mixtures, flakes of ceramic frits ~~or~~ or glazes, and granules (obtained by wet or dry way), and
- wet pastes (having a moisture degree more than 20%) of ceramic mixes (slips), or wet ceramic glazes, or silk screen printing pastes.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 3 with the following amended paragraph:

The ~~said~~ figures show the forming plant 1 for implementing the method of the invention.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 3 with the following amended paragraph:

The plant 1 comprises a first press 2, in which a consistent (or self-supporting) slab 3 is created from powders.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The carriage 2 is driven by usual means, not shown being of a known type, such as a geared motor.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

Above the two roller tables there is positioned a carriage 17 which receives the decorated slab 3, ~~orientates~~ orients it in the correct position, and transports it above the mould cavity of the press.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

To the front part of the longitudinal members 171 there are also fixed two movable walls 173 arranged to interact respectively with the front edge and rear edge of the slab 3 to both ~~orientate~~ orient it in its correct advancement position and to feed it to the pressing station.

Please replace the last full paragraph on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

The cylinder-piston units 177 rotate the walls 173 to move them between a non-operative position, in which the decorated slab 3 is able to pass, driven by the action of the roller table 14, and a lowered operative position, in which they rest against the edges of the decorated slab 3, to lock it and ~~orientate~~ orient it such that the longitudinal axis of the slab coincides perfectly with the longitudinal axis of the carriage.